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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks,
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 39 and 40 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or Claim 2".

Claim 4, line 1, change "any one of claims 1 to 3" to --claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 1, change "any preceding claim" to --claim 1--.

Claim 7, line 2, change "any preceding Claim" to --Claim 1--.